

**RENAISSANCE ZONE AUTHORITY  
MEETING MINUTES  
December 20, 2011**

The Bismarck Renaissance Zone Authority met on December 20, 2011 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room in the City-County Office Building at 221 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

Authority members present were Dave Blackstead, Jim Christianson, Chuck Huber, George Keiser, Kevin Magstadt, Brenda Smith and Curt Walth.

Technical advisors Bruce Whittey and Jeff Ubl were present.

Staff members present were Jason Tomanek, Carl Hokenstad, and Kim Lee.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Blackstead called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**APPEARANCE BY DR. A.L. BREND, DDS**

Dr. Arliss Brend appeared before the Renaissance Zone Authority to thank them for supporting request for designation as Renaissance Zone lease project. Dr. Brend rehabilitated a portion of the lower level of the building at 207 East Front Avenue for his dental office. Dr. Brend's project was completed in October 2011.

**RENAISSANCE ZONE DEVELOPMENT PLAN – DISCUSSION**

Mr. Tomanek distributed a draft of the updated and revised Goals and Objectives portion of the Renaissance Zone Development Plan. The updated language emphasizes the desire to increase market-rate housing stock in downtown Bismarck. Methods mentioned in the Development Plan include the implementation of a Quiet Rail Zone, identifying potential property and buildings targeted for mixed-use developments and the creation of a small food market offering downtown residents an opportunity to have walkable access to fresh foods, produce and basic groceries.

After discussing the proposed amendments, the general consensus was to recommend support of the document to the Board of City Commissioners.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Christianson and seconded by Mr. Keiser to support the revised Renaissance Zone Development Plan and recommend adoption of the Plan to the Board of City Commissioners. All members present voted to approve the motion.

Mr. Tomanek stated that the revised Development Plan would need to be reviewed by the North Dakota Department of Commerce - Division of Community Services before it could be forwarded to the Board of City Commissioners. Mr. Tomanek also stated that a public hearing is required by the North Dakota Department of Commerce - Division of Community Services at the

Board of City Commissioners meeting as part of the overall approval process. Mr. Tomanek said that he would provide the North Dakota Department of Commerce - Division of Community Services with a copy of the revised draft once the necessary revisions are made.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Blackstead adjourned the meeting of the Bismarck Renaissance Zone Authority at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jason Tomanek  
Recording Secretary

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David Blackstead  
Chair